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House Resolution No. 4426

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Marshall Community Chorus, which will commemorate the resplendent occasion of its Twentieth Anniversary on October 26, 2008; and

Whereas, the Marshall Community Chorus made its first appearance during the City's Sesquicentennial celebration as part of the program for Religious Heritage Day, when a large group of volunteer singers from many of the area churches brought their talent together to perform a short concert in 1880s period attire; and

Whereas, original members Jane Huff, Nancy Thompson, Marie Boedeker, and Olive Malter were instrumental in maintaining the early choir, which added greatly to the already existing musical tradition steeped within the Marshall community; and

Whereas, the Marshall Community Chorus performs a regular season of concerts and community events including the Community Thanksgiving and Easter services, and the Week of Unity service sponsored by the Marshall Ministerial Alliance; and

Whereas, members of the Marshall Community Chorus also participate in the Marshall Philharmonic, St. Joseph Community Chorus, the Sedalia Chorale, and the annual summer Community and Church Honor Choir; and

Whereas, choir members have had the opportunity to sing under the direction of eminent composers and choral directors including Mack Wilberg (director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir), Joseph Martin, Mark Hayes, and Eph Ehly, and their present director, Ron Sayer; and

Whereas, totaling around fifty members each year, the Marshall Community Chorus represents a variety of backgrounds and ages and continues to fulfill its mission of adding to the rich musical heritage that can be found in Marshall while drawing in concert goers from across the state:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Director Ron Sayer and to the members of the Marshall Community Chorus upon this very special anniversary event; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Marshall Community Chorus.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4426, adopted October 21, 2008.